

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for promoting a skin basement membrane formation ~~promoting agent~~ in a subject for which the skin basement membrane formation is necessary, comprising administering a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor to said subject.
2. (currently amended) A method for promoting a skin basement membrane formation ~~promoting agent~~ in a subject for which the skin basement membrane formation is necessary, comprising administering a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor and a matrix protein production promoting agent to said subject.
- 3 - 6. (canceled)